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MINUTES

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association met with the French Broad Baptist Church, Davidson River, N. C., Thursday morning, August 18th, 1927, 10:30 A. M.

Rev. J. P. Pettiway conducted the devotional services. After devotion Rev. Whetman read the thirty-seventh Psalm, and Rev. J. C. Boyd offered a fervent prayer.

Rev. M. C. Rice, Vice-Moderator, introduced Rev. E. G. Miller to preach the Introductory Sermon. Phillippians 4th chapter and 19th verse contained the text of the speaker: "But my Lord shall supply all your needs to His riches in Glory by Christ." Rev. Miller preached a great and practical introductory sermon. Prayer was offered by Rev. O. R. Gordon.

The following visitors were introduced to the Association by the Moderator: Mrs. O. R. Gordon, Mrs. Fred Burgin, Mrs. Nell Riddell, and Mrs. Cora Little, all of Asheville, N. C. Each visitor greeted the Association with encouraging remarks. The Finance Committee lifted \$5.35.

Motion prevailed that all licentee ministers pay fifty cents to be enrolled.

Motion prevailed that election of officers be deferred until Friday morning.

Motion also prevailed that Rev. T. J. Davis preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

As usual, the enrollment of messengers and churches was next in order.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Mud Creek, Flat Rock, N. C.—H. S. Simmons, and J. G. Markley.

Hill Street, Asheville, N. C.—Mary McKinney, and Nell Riddell.

Star of Bethel, Hendersonville, N. C.—W. M. Robinson, and John Williams.

French Broad, Davidson River, N. C.—Hillard Mooney, and Rosa Hutchinson.

St. Paul, West Asheville, N. C.—J. E. Chaviers.

Union Grove, Hendersonville, N. C.—Fred Dukes.

Bethel (A) Brevard, N. C.—Rev. J. A. Purry, Rev. M. C. Rice, and Quilla Glaze.

Nazareth, Asheville, N. C.—Rev. O. R. Gordon.

Glade Creek, Davidson River, N. C.—George Orr.

Ebenezer, Emma, N. C.—Rev. J. A. Brannum.

New Bethel, Asheville, N. C.—S. M. Smith, and Rev. F. Wright.

St. Matthew, Saluda, N. C.—Rev. T. J. Davis.

Fair View.

Mt. Zion—Rev. T. J. Davis.

St. John—I. L. Fullwood, and Rev. M. C. Rice.

Welfare—Rev. J. C. Boyd.

Pleasant Isle—Alice Bradley.

New Salem—Rev. W. M. Mattox.

Ministers—Rev. O. R. Gordon, Rev. W. A. Anderson, Rev. T. J. Davis, Rev. E. B. King, Rev. M. C. Rice, Rev. W. L. Johnson, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. J. C. Boyd, Rev. J. A. Purry, Rev. J. L. Taylor, Rev. E. W. Dixon, Rev. F. Wright, Rev. W. M. Mattox, Rev. Stillwell, Rev. J. A. Brannum, Rev. W. P. Burgin, Rev. S. B. Dawkins, Rev. D. J. Workman, Rev. D. J. Partee, Rev. R. L. Thompson, Rev. G. D. Roberts.

Adjournment for dinner. At the call for dinner a mighty army of Christian soldiers surrounded a fifty-foot table supplied with all the luxuries and dainties of the season, well cooked and highly flavored. They ate until their appetites were thoroughly satisfied. Nothing was wasted.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Brother J. G. Markley conducted the Prayer Service. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. P. Burgin. After the devotion the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. A few church letters were read and adopted.

Rev. E. B. King, Prof. Lewis Patrick, Deacons John Williams and Will Rankins, of Hendersonville, N. C., were introduced to the Association. Another shower of encouraging words followed their introduction.

Rev. W. A. Anderson, Moderator, then delivered one of his well prepared, neatly arranged and highly entertaining addresses. The address was referred to a committee in the persons of Rev. E. W. Dixon, and Rev. E. B. King. For some reason the committee failed to return in its report on the address.

Rev. W. M. Mattox, pastor of New Salem, has done a great work among his members in that he has succeeded in organizing them properly and bringing them back into the fold. His example may well be imitated by others who are pastoring churches out of the fold.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TREASURER

We the members of the Executive Board beg to make this report:

That we have had only a few meetings, but such as we had, resulted in much good to the cause.

The expenses of the following members were ordered paid by the Board:

Rev. E. G. Miller (transportation by car)	\$ 5.25
Rev. F. Wright (transportation by car)	5.25
Rev. T. J. Davis (programs and trip)	7.90
Rev. W. L. Johnson (transportation by car)	6.00
Rev. W. A. Anderson (car fare)	9.00
Deacon Lewis White (car fare)	5.00

Total Expenses \$38.40

On motion, the report was received and adopted without discussion.

Rev. W. L. Johnson, Treasurer, made the following report:

The total amount of cash received from the Association, August, 1926, \$811.30. Amount disbursed for various Associational purposes, \$782.73. Balance on hand, \$28.73. All money paid out was ordered by the Moderator.

On motion the report was adopted. After this report Rev. W. L. Johnson begged leave of absence on account of the illness of his wife.

The Pastor, Rev. J. L. Taylor, had previously perfected all arrangements to care for the delegates. He assigned homes to all.

Benediction and adjournment.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Good weather being favorable to the tramp and assembling of the weary pilgrims, many of them gathered at an early hour for Praise Service. Brother J. G. Markley, the tireless leader and pious Christian, again opened the services with singing and prayer. After which, Rev. Taylor extended to the delegation warm words of welcome. Brother H. S. Simmons, who is not acquainted with failures, strained every nerve and muscle of his body and greatly taxed every faculty of his mind to respond to the welcome address. His responses are always humorous and pleasing. Hymn 273, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say", was sung. Prayer by Rev. W. P. Burgin.

Rev. T. J. Davis, the appointee to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, was introduced by the Moderator. He gave as a text, Galatians third chapter and twenty-seventh verse, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." In his very able and earnest discourse the speaker denounced in strong terms the general practices of many weak Baptists on questions of baptism and communion. He appealed to all Baptists, regardless of age, sex, race, color, or environment, to thoroughly and unhesitatingly consider the significance of Christian baptism in all of its phases and to segregate themselves from everything in religion that is not strictly Baptist—follow Christ and be saved.

Collection \$6.25. After collection for Rev. Davis \$2.53.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hargroves of New Jersey, were introduced to the body. Rev. J. A. Brock of Greenville, S. C., was also a welcome visitor.

Benediction by Rev. Davis.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:45 Brother J. C. Chaivers and Brother I. L. Fullwood opened the Devotional Services with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. At the conclusion of this service, the Moderator called the house to order and announced everything in order for business.

Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Rev. T. J. Davis read a resolution, which was referred to a special committee.

On motion, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Rev. M. C. Rice, Moderator; Rev. E. G. Miller, Vice-Moderator; Rev. W. L. Johnson, Treasurer; W. M. Robinson, Secretary; Rev. T. J. Davis, Corresponding Secretary.

Executive Board Members: Revs. M. C. Rice, E. G. Miller, W. L. Johnson, T. J. Davis, W. A. Anderson, J. L. Taylor, E. B. King, H. S. Simmons, W. M. Robinson.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Haskins, D. D., installed each officer, explaining the function of each officer and ably exhorted the officers how to serve well.

Rev. J. W. Haskins of Asheville, N. C.; Rev. M. C. Smith of Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Hamilton of Waynesville, N. C.; Rev. D. E. Golshen of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Rev. J. H. Wilson, Brevard, N. C.; Rev. J. H. Smith, Brevard, N. C., and Rev. J. C. Ray of Johnson City, Tenn., were presented to the Association. Many good things were said by these great leaders that added much to the greatness of the occasion.

Rev. J. H. Pettitway, who had been appointed to preach, was absent, and Rev. J. A. Brannum motioned that Rev. E. Golshen of Winston-Salem, preach, associated by Rev. H. M. Smith and Rev. I. L. Fullwood. After a few good Gospel songs the Moderator introduced the speaker. He announced his text from the 13th verse of the fourth chapter of Acts. Subject: "Christ Identified

in the Life of Man." This ripe scholar, profound thinker, and charming pulpit orator, spoke with such force and eloquence that men could not hold their peace, but began to praise God from the pulpit to the door. A wonderful witness for Christ!

Collection \$1.25. After collection for Rev. Golshen \$2.75.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

At 3:00 o'clock, Brother J. C. Chaivers and Brother I. L. Fullwood opened the Prayer Service. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Purry. Reading and adoption of minutes. Appointment of committees. Discussion: "Taking Care of the Assembly Grounds", opened by Revs. Dixon, Johnson and Davis.

These talks became heated and to some extent entertaining. Rev. Hamilton and Rev. Haskins favored a general coming together of all the little Baptist organizations of Western North Carolina and uniting into one great body. This, of course, seemed to be the wish of all if some conditions that now exist were removed. As a result of the discussion Rev. Brannum introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, this Association is putting out feelers to find out the basis upon which all bodies of Western North Carolina might unite and put over a larger program, resolved, that it is the sense of this body that our Board seek to secure representation from as many organizations as possible to meet at some place and time suitable to the convenience of all concerned and discuss the possibility of cooperating into one great convention of Western North Carolina, and report their findings to the next setting of the Association.

Another resolution of significance was also read by Rev. J. A. Brannum and adopted by the body:

Whereas, our beloved former Moderator, Rev. W. A. Anderson, has rendered such untiring, unselfish and constructive Christian services as executive head of this Association for a period of approximately six years; therefore, be it resolved, that this Association give Rev. Anderson a rising vote of thanks for his great services and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the face of the minutes. Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional services were conducted by Brother J. G. Markley. Prayer by Brother Sam Smith. After prayer services Rev. F. Wright lined Hymn 291, "I Was a Wandering Sheep." Rev. T. J. Davis read a part of the first chapter of second Timothy. Prayer by Rev. A. H. Stillwell. Hymn 317, "O for a Closer Walk With God."

Rev. W. L. Johnson was then introduced to preach the Educational Sermon. His text was selected from second Timothy second chapter and fifteenth verse: "Study to show thyself a workman approved unto God, that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." With the power of the spirit Rev. Johnson delivered an interesting discourse, emphasizing the necessity of Christian education through the study of God's Word, the study of self and the study of the people.

Collection \$15.00. After collection for Rev. Johnson \$5.10.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional services were again conducted by Brother J. C. Chaivers and Brother J. G. Markley. Minutes read and approved. Appointment of committee on Temperance. H. S. Simmons, Rev. F. Wright and Rev. J. A.

Purpy were appointed Committee on Constitution: On motion, a letter form was read by Rev. T. J. Davis and adopted.

Discussion; subject: "The disposition to be made of the pulpit in the absence of a pastor." J. C. Markley, Rev. T. J. Davis, Rev. F. Wright, Rev. W. A. Anderson and Rev. Fuller gave different views on the subject.

The Committee on Time and Place recommended that St. John (A) South Asheville, N. C., be the next place of the setting of the Association. Rev. M. C. Rice, pastor; Committee: H. S. Simmons, John Williams, E. G. Miller, D. J. Workman, Hilliard Mooney. The Association is to meet Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1928.

Committee on Annual Sermons: W. L. Johnson, T. J. Davis and H. S. Simmons. On Temperance: J. L. Taylor, A. H. Stillwell, J. A. Purpy.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions reported as follows: We your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions recommend that all monies appropriated for Foreign Missions be sent to Dr. J. H. Winn, Fort Worth, Tex., in order that the missionaries may be better fitted to serve the great cause of humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. DAVIS, NELL RIDDELL, QUILLA GLAZE, J. L. TAYLOR.

Adjournment for dinner.

The devotional service opened by Brother J. G. Markley and others. The service always gets the house in good spiritual condition for business as well as for service. After devotion the minutes of the previous session were read and approved. On motion, Bethel A's letter was received and adopted. On motion, Garrison's Chapel, a new church of Tryon, N. C., represented by Rev. D. J. Partee, was received into the Association on the payment of \$2.50.

When questioned as to the validity of the Assembly Ground's deeds and papers, Rev. W. A. Anderson stated that he had deeds and paper that could be turned over at any time to the Association.

Rev. D. J. Partee, delegate from Garrison's Chapel, asked that the next Association meet with his church at Tryon. His request was deferred for further consideration.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Hymn 291, "I Was a Wandering Sheep", was lined by Rev. Stillwell. Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-15.

Rev. W. A. Anderson was introduced by the Moderator. He selected his text from the ninth chapter and sixth verse of Isaiah. Text: "The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light." Subject: "A Wonderful Christ Upon a Wonderful Occasion." From this wonderful subject the speaker poured out his very soul in holding up and proclaiming the message of a beautiful Christ. Another pentacostal shower from the saints was the result.

Adjournment for dinner.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

At 2:30 P. M. the delegates reassembled. The Moderator gave a short lecture and then ordered the minutes read. They were read and approved. A resolution of thanks was read and adopted.

The reports of all committees and appointments of messengers to other bodies followed.

The Committee on Time and Place recommend that the Association meet

with St. John (A) Asheville, N. C., Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1928. Rev. M. C. Rice, pastor.

Committee: F. WRIGHT, H. S. SIMMONS, JOHN WILLIAMS, E. G. MILLER, D. J. WORKMAN, HILLIARD MOONEY.

We, your Committee on Temperance, urge upon the ministry to set the example of temperance in all things and teach the people to exercise temperance if they would be true followers of Christ.

Committee: J. L. TAYLOR, A. H. STILLWELL, J. A. PURRY.

Committee on State of Churches finds all churches in the bounds of the Association are in good and regular standing.

Committee: W. M. MATTOX, ALICE BRADLEY, I. L. FULLWOOD.

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that 49 valiant soldiers have been claimed by death. They died in triumph of the faith.

Committee: J. C. CHAIVERS, J. A. PURRY, MARY McKINNEY, J. C. BOYD.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

At 10:00 o'clock an interesting mass meeting was conducted in connection with Sunday School by Brother J. G. Markley. Many good things were said by Rev. D. J. Partee, Rev. T. J. Davis, Rev. J. L. Taylor, Rev. I. L. Fullwood, and Brother J. C. Chaivers. Collection for Sunday School \$1.05.

Memorial Services

Song 228, "Why Should We Start and Fear to Die." Scripture reading by Rev. J. A. Purry, 14th chapter of Job. Prayer by Rev. P. S. Stuart. Song 633, "Why Do We Moan Departed Friends." The virtues of the deceased were praised by Rev. D. J. Partee, Rev. T. J. Davis, and Rev. J. A. Purry.

Immediately after this service, Song 317, "O, for a Clearer Walk With God", was lined by Rev. W. P. Burgin. Scripture Lesson, Mark 16:1-9, read by Rev. Davis. Prayer by Rev. D. J. Partee. Hymn 507, "Go Preach My Gospel."

The Moderator was introduced by Rev. Davis to deliver the annual Missionary Sermon. After a few preliminaries, Rev. M. C. Rice, the Moderator, announced his text from Romans first chapter and fourteenth verse, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise." Subject: "God's Word to the Nations." With a beautiful outline of the subject, the speaker led by power of the spirit, plunged into the great sea of gospel truths and brought forth a message that will be long remembered by those who heard it. Bearing hurriedly the good news and glad tidings to the uttermost parts of the earth is the supreme mission of the saints, says the speaker. Collection \$22.30. Benediction.

The fifth great basket dinner was spread for the mighty host of visitors from far and near.

After this recess the body reassembled again to listen to the last sermon. Song, "O for a Closer Walk With God." Prayer by Rev. D. J. Partee. The Moderator introduced Rev. Boyd. He announced his text from Genesis fourth chapter and seventh verse. From this text Rev. Boyd delivered an excellent sermon to an appreciative audience.

Many expressions of thanks and appreciation were given by the entire delegation on Sunday evening to the devoted pastor, Rev. Taylor, and his

faithful officers, great-hearted members and friends for opening their doors and spreading their tables and emptying their pockets to take care of the Association. Mrs. Ethel Mills, the prominent teacher of French Broad School, deserves special honors for driving her car each day from Brevard loaded with food to feed the delegates. May she live long!

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1926-1927

The following items were paid by the Treasurer:

W. A. Anderson to pay on Assembly Grounds -----	\$598.35
Sam Harrison for Clearing Ground -----	60.00
Surveyor for Measuring Lot for M. C. Church -----	10.00
Lawyer for Drawing up Deed of Lot to Church -----	5.00
News Print Shop for Minutes -----	45.00
Printers for Institute Programs -----	7.75
Persons who Boarded Institute Teachers -----	19.25
Executive Board for Expenses -----	38.35
Total -----	\$783.70
Balance -----	\$ 28.35

FINANCIAL REPORT

Churches	Amt. Sent Up
Star of Bethel -----	\$ 25.00
St. Paul -----	18.00
Hill Street -----	15.00
Nazareth -----	15.00
Mud Creek -----	10.00
St. John (A) -----	10.00
Glade Creek -----	10.00
French Broad -----	10.00
New Bethel -----	5.00
Pleasant Isle -----	3.00
St. Matthew -----	3.00
New Salem -----	3.00
Mt. Zion -----	2.00
Bethel (A) -----	11.35
Welfare -----	3.00
Union Grove -----	5.00
Garrison's Chapel (withdrew since) -----	2.50

Auxillaries

B. Y. P. U. Convention -----	10.00
S. S. Convention -----	20.00
Mud Creek Union -----	240.00
Total -----	\$420.85

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Thursday morning -----	\$ 5.35
Thursday night -----	6.25
Friday morning -----	1.25
Friday -----	15.00
Sunday morning -----	22.30
Sunday evening -----	9.62
Total -----	\$59.77

AFTER COLLECTIONS FOR SERMONS

Rev. E. G. Miller	\$ 2.10
Rev. T. J. Davis	2.53
Rev. E. Golshen	2.25
Rev. W. L. Johnson	5.10
Rev. W. A. Anderson	3.50
Rev. M. C. Rice	3.50
Total	\$ 18.98
Amount Brought Forward from 1926-1927	\$ 28.35
Total Collections from all Sources	500.10
Grand Total	\$528.45
Total Disbursements	114.48
Balance in Treasury August 21, 1927	\$413.97

It would be well for the Moderator and the Treasurer to notify Secretary of all disbursements since Association meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS

Moderator	\$ 14.00
Vice Moderator	6.00
Secretary	20.00
Corresponding Secretary	8.00
Sexton	2.00
French Broad Church	20.00
W. L. John	8.00
W. A. Anderson (Ex-Moderator)	5.00
Dock Smith	5.00
Pleasant Isle	5.00
Invalid Sister	2.50
Total	\$ 95.50
Total Extra Collections	\$ 18.98
Grand Total Disbursements	\$114.48

HONOR ROLL

W. P. Burgin	\$1.00	C. M. Smith	.50
M. C. Rice	1.00	Maggie Logan	.50
I. L. Fullwood	1.00	Francis Kemp	.50
J. L. Taylor	1.00	Josephine White	.50
T. J. Davis	1.00	P. Perkins	.50
W. M. Robinson	1.00	Tom Watson	.50
J. G. Markley	1.00	A. Benjamin	.50
A. L. Clayton	1.00	Cordelia Hunter	.50
L. A. Kilgore	.50	Nell Riddle	.50
Ollie Gant	1.00	Fred Dukes	.50
P. G. Gash	.50	G. D. Roberts	.50
John Moore	.50		

CHURCH STATISTICS

St. John A, Asheville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$10.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.00; Assembly Ground \$7.00; Associational Expenses \$1.00. State of Church: Baptized 11; Received by Christian Experience 23; Total Received 39; Dismissed by Death 3; Total Lost 3. Number Deacons 5. Pastor's Salary \$480.00; Donated to the Poor \$3.50; Charities \$3.50; Value of Church Property \$2,000. Rev. M. C. Rice, Pastor; Mrs. H. Anderson, Clerk.

French Broad Baptist Church, Glade Creek, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$10.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.00; Education \$1.00; Assembly Ground \$6.00; Associational Purposes \$1.00. State of Church: Baptized 1; Received by Letter 3; Received by Christian Experience 2; Total 6; Dismissed by Exclusion 4; Total 4. Males 40; Females 54; Deacons 7. Pastor's Salary \$600.00; Incidental Expenses \$200.00; Donated to Charities \$25.00. Value of Church Property \$2,500. Rev. W. P. Burgin, Pastor; Girtie Gash, Clerk.

Pleasant Isle, Horse Shoe, N. C. Sent to Association \$3.00; Home Missions 50c; Foreign Missions 50c; Education 50c; Assembly Grounds \$1.00; Associational Purposes \$1.00. State of Church: Received by Christian Experience 8; Total Received 8; Deacons 1. Rev. S. L. Super, Pastor; A. M. Bradley, Clerk.

Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$15.00, to be apportioned as the body sees fit. State of Church: Baptized 35; Received by Letter 7; Received by Christian Experience 65; Total 107. Excluded 4; Dismissed by Letter 3; Deaths 13; Total Lost 16. Number of Males 225; Females 625; Total Membership 850; Deacons 12. Value of Church Property \$8,500. Rev. O. R. Gordon, Pastor; E. L. Putnam, Clerk, 23 1-2 Flint Street.

Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. Sent to Association \$15.00; Foreign Missions \$1.50; Education \$1.50; Assembly Grounds \$1.00; Associational Purposes \$10.00. State of Church: Baptized 20; Received by Letter 30; Received by Christian Experience 15; Total 65. Dismissed by Exclusion 8; Dismissed by Letter 1; Deaths 8; Total 17. Deacons 7. Incidental Expenses \$118.00; Donated to Charities \$50.00; Value of Church Property \$5000.00; Pastor's Salary \$1,000.00.

St. Paul Baptist Church, West Asheville, N. C. Sent to Association \$15.00; Home Missions \$3.00; Assembly Grounds \$8.20; Associational Purposes \$3.80. State of Church: Baptized 36; Received by Letter 20; Received by Christian Experience 60; Total 116. Dismissed by Exclusion 2; Dismissed by Letter 2; Deaths 3; Total 7; Number of Deacons 7; Pastor's Salary \$1,200.00; Donated to the Poor \$36.00; Value of Church Property \$8,268.00; Total Membership 260; Incidental Expenses \$590.50. Rev. E. W. Dixon, Pastor; Mamie Macher, Clerk.

French Broad Baptist Church, Davidson River, N. C. Sent to Association \$10.00, to be apportioned at your discretion. State of Church: Received by Christian Experience 1; Total 1. Dismissed by Letter 2; Total 2. Deacons 5. Rev. J. L. Taylor, Pastor; Louis Smith, Clerk.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Glen Rock, N. C. Sent to Association \$5.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.00; Education \$1.00; Assembly Grounds \$1.00; Educational Purposes \$1.00. State of Church: Baptized 15; Received by Christian Experience 2; Total 17. Deacons 3. Pastor's Salary

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\$1,300.00; Incidental Expenses \$1,500.00; Donated to Poor \$15.00; Donated to Charities \$50.00; Value of Church Property \$5,000.00. Rev. F. Wright, Pastor; John Shaw, Clerk.

New Salem Baptist Church, Swannanoa, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$3.00; Assembly Grounds \$1.00; Associational Purposes \$2.00. State of Church: Received by Letter 3; Received by Christian Experience 1; Total 4. Deacons 7. Pastor's Salary \$200.00. Value of Church Property \$1,500.00. Rev. W. M. Mattox, Pastor; Floyd Tidwell, Clerk.

Star Bethel Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$25.00. State of Church: Baptized 15; Received by Letter 8; Received by Christian Experience 28; Total 61. Pastor's Salary \$1,200.00; Incidental Expenses \$200.00; Donated to Poor \$100.00; Value of Church Property \$7,000.00. Rev. E. B. King, Pastor; Susie E. Davis, Clerk.

St. Matthew, Saluda, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$3.50; Value of Church Property \$500.00. Rev. Thos. J. Davis, Pastor; Sophie Peace, Clerk.

Mud Creek Baptist Church, Flat Rock, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$10.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.00; Education \$2.00; Assembly Ground \$4.00; Associational Purposes \$2.00. State of Church: Baptized 8; Deaths 3; Deacons 5. Rev. W. M. Mattox, Pastor; R. B. Alston, Clerk.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$2.50; Home Missions 50c; Assembly Grounds \$1.00; Associational Purposes \$1.00. State of Church: Received by Christian Experience 1; Total Received 1. Rev. R. L. Thompson, Pastor; R. B. King, Clerk.

Welfare Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$3.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Education \$1.00; Assembly Grounds \$1.00. State of Church: Baptized 1; Watch Care 2; Received by Letter 15; Total 18. Deaths 1. Deacons 1. Pastor's Salary \$150.00; Donated to Poor \$4.00; To Charities \$2.00; Value of Church Property \$1,500.00. Rev. J. C. Boyd, Pastor; George Williams, Clerk.

Union Grove Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C. Amount sent to Association \$5.00; Home Missions \$1.00; Foreign Missions \$1.00; Education \$1.00; Assembly Ground \$2.00. State of Church: Baptized 3; Received by Letter 1; Received by Christian Experience 3; Watch Care 7; Total 19. Excluded 2; Total 2. Pastor's Salary \$700.00; Incidental Expenses \$50.00; Donated to the Poor \$25.00. Rev. L. B. Dawkins, Pastor; Vina Williams, Clerk.

Ebenezer, Emma, N. C. Rev. J. A. Brannum, Pastor.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Educational Association.

Article 2. Its object shall be to promote Christian Education and the maintenance of the Old Folks Home and Assembly Grounds.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to two Messengers, and one additional Messenger for every fifty members above one hundred; ministers who are pastors of some church in the Association, ex-officio.

Article 4. While this Association holds that each Church of Christ is an

independent body and rather regards itself as an Advisory Council and will not presume to dictate for the churches, and while the Association is of the opinion that the best way of settling differences between churches is to take the same Scriptural steps as are prescribed for the difficulties between members. It will give council, which shall be left to the churches for acceptance. The Church or member, who is grieved, should notify his Church with statement of cause of grievance, and if it fails to give satisfaction, then call two or three sister churches to assist in a settlement. And if the accused Church will not hear, then report same in written form to Executive Board, who will investigate and report same to the Association. In session, the above course must be strictly adhered to.

Article 5. The Messengers from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving account of the condition of their Church, stating funds raised and expended for all purposes, using letter blank found in back of Minutes.

Article 6. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Missionary, and Historian. An additional number of five, all of which shall be elected annually, shall compose the Executive Board of the Association, who shall act for the Association when not in session.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officers to enforce the law and hear the deliberations, and enforce the observance of the Constitution, appoint committees, decide all questions after others have spoken, and shall vote in case of a tie.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to print or cause same to be done, all records of the proceedings of the Association in Minute form as recorded by him, and shall within ninety days after adjournment of Association, send to each Church Clerk, a batch of Minutes, reporting his postage bill to Executive Board for settlement.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies paid into the Association and check out same by order of Executive Board or Moderator, signed by Clerk or Corresponding Secretary. He shall deposit Association monies in some bank in Buncombe or Henderson counties in the name of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 10. Any Church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition to the Association or Executive Board through her Messengers appointed for that purpose. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the Messengers the right hand of fellowship upon payment of a free-will offering.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with churches that fail to preserve Gospel Order.

Article 12. The Association may invite visitors of regular Baptist churches to a seat and extend all privileges, save voting.

Article 13. The Annual Session of this Association shall convene on Thursday before the third Lord's day in August, each year, at such places as the body may select.

Article 14. There shall be six sermons: Introductory, Doctrinal, Educational, Temperance, Missionary, and Associational, all of which shall be assigned by the Executive Board not later than ninety days before Association with notices being sent all persons appearing upon the program.

Article 15. The Association shall hold annually at the Assembly Ground

a Bible Institute for the instruction of Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. Workers, and Ministers. There shall be employed one or more experienced Bible experts. All expenses for teaching shall be paid by Treasurer of Association, who shall receive all monies raised during session of the Institute or throughout Associational year.

Article 16. No Minister shall be received into the Association who is not sound in doctrine and of a good moral character. The right hand of fellowship will be withdrawn from any preacher who fails to comply with above law, after due investigation.

Article 17. Each Church shall send annually to the Association by its Messengers fifty cents for each taxable member appearing upon its roll, said churches shall through their clerks send list of names, paying Associational fee. Expenditure of all monies raised for Association shall be disposed of as follows: To Old Folks Home and Assembly Ground and Associational purposes, 85 per cent; Home Missions, 5 per cent; Foreign Missions, 5 per cent; Christian Education, 5 per cent.

Article 18. Any Christian Society within churches of this Association may become a member by paying five dollars, two Messengers being admitted.

Article 19. This Constitution may be amended or revised at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Association shall open at 11:00 A. M. by devotion led by Messengers and Ministers. At 11:30 the Moderator, Vice-Moderator or Secretary may make the opening remarks and present the Introductory Speaker, after which a collection may be taken and Messengers enrolled.

Section 2. The Moderator or his associates shall preside at all meetings, put and decide questions of debate or order, subject to appeal from Messengers.

Section 3. Questions may be decided by "yeas" and "nays", doubtful cases by the rising vote until counted.

Section 4. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, except those ordered by ballot.

Section 5. In all cases by ballot the Moderator may vote. In other cases he may not vote, unless the body be equally divided, when he shall vote to break the tie, or if his vote cast, ties, the question shall be lost.

Section 6. A Messenger may by motion submit any subject to the consideration of the Association that relates to its designs or object, and if recorded it shall receive due consideration, except it be withdrawn by the mover with consent of the body.

Section 7. If two or more Messengers rise at the same time to speak and properly address the Moderator, he shall decide the priority of right.

Section 8. If a member shall violate any of these rules any Messenger may not, but the Moderator shall, call him to order.

Section 9. No Messenger shall speak on the same subject more than once, except to explain, without permission of the Association.

Section 10. Any Messenger in making a motion, speaking, or in debate, shall rise and address the Moderator respectfully.

Section 11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

Section 12. When the Moderator is putting the question or addressing the body, no Messenger shall walk out or cross the house, nor when a Messenger is speaking.

Section 13. No Messenger shall leave the house without leave of absence from the Moderator.

Section 14. When a question is under debate, no motion will be received except to amend, to postpone to a given day or indefinitely to lay on the table or to adjourn, which is always in order and decided without debate.

Article 15. One Messenger shall speak at a time and shall not be interrupted, unless he departs from the subject under consideration, uses words or personal reflections, or called to order.

ORDER OF MEETING

1. Devotional Services for the Introductory Sermon.
2. Call to Order.
3. Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers.
4. Association Door Open for Membership and Seating Visiting Brethren.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Welcome Address and Response.
7. Recess.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Hours of Meeting, Etc.
2. Committee on Pulpit Supply.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.
5. Committee on Temperance and Intemperance.
6. Committee on Obituary.
7. Committee on Time and Place.
8. Committee on State of Church.
9. Committee on Appropriations.
10. Report of Executive Board and Treasurer.

**LETTER FORM FOR THE CHURCHES OF MUD CREEK MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

P. O. _____ Month _____ Date _____ 192 ____

To the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association,

GREETINGS:—

Dear Brethren: We the members of _____

Church of _____ North Carolina, have elected as
Messenger or Messengers to the Association the following named members of
our Church to set with you in council and represent us in your Annual Session

which is to convene with the _____ Church

of _____ N. C., on the _____ day of _____ 192 ____:

We send as representation fee \$ _____ to be apportioned as
the constitution provides.

The State of Our Church for the Year:

Received by Letter (No.) _____; By Christian Experience (No.) _____;

Total Received (No.) _____ Dismissed by Letter (No.) _____;

By Exclusion (No.) _____; By Death (No.) _____; Total (No.) _____

Male Members (No.) _____; Female (No.) _____; Total (No.) _____

Pastor's Salary \$ _____; Incidental Expenses \$ _____;

Donated to the Poor \$ _____; Value of Church Property \$ _____

Pastor, Rev. _____

P. O. _____, N. C.

Clerk _____

P. O. _____, N. C.

(Revised by Rev. T. J. Davis)



